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Implementation Committee

Fifth meeting
Vienna, 5 and 6 May 2015
Item 1 of the provisional agenda
Adoption of the agenda

Annotated provisional agenda for the fifth meeting

To be held at the Vienna International Centre, starting on Tuesday, 5 May 2015, at 10 a.m.*

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II. Annotations to the provisional agenda

1. Adoption of the agenda

The Implementation Committee under the Convention on the Protection and Use of Transboundary Watercourses and International Lakes will be invited to adopt the agenda for its fifth meeting, as set out in the present document.

2. Requests for advice, submissions and Committee initiative

The Committee is expected to consider, in accordance with the relevant procedures set out in decision VI/1 of the Meeting of the Parties to the Convention:

(a) Any request for advice by a Party or Parties relating to specific issues concerning difficulties in implementation or application (ECE/MP.WAT/37/Add.2, decision VI/1, annex I, paras. 18–23);

(b) Any submission by Parties relating to specific issues concerning difficulties in implementation and compliance (ibid., paras. 24–27);

(c) Undertaking a Committee initiative (ibid., paras. 28–29).

3. Information gathering

Further to its fourth meeting, the Committee may wish to consider any further information received from Kazakhstan and the Russian Federation regarding transboundary water cooperation in the Irtysh and Ili River Basins.

4. Relevant activities of other bodies under the Convention

The secretariat will report on the outcomes of the twenty-first meeting of the Bureau of the Meeting of the Parties to the Convention (Geneva, 12–13 February 2015). In particular, the Committee members will be informed about the drafting of the future programme of work for the Convention for 2016–2018 and the preparations for the seventh session of the Meeting of the Parties, to be held from 17 to 20 November 2015 in Budapest.

Subsequently, Ms. Vanya Grigorova and Mr. Johan G. Lammers, Committee members, will brief the Committee on the results of the first meeting of the Core Group on Reporting (Geneva, 15–16 December 2014), and possibly also on a second meeting, in which they participated in their expert capacity. The Core Group on Reporting was established by the Working Group on Integrated Water Resources Management at its ninth meeting (Geneva, 25–26 June 2014) and mandated to prepare a proposal for a possible reporting mechanism under the Convention, taking into account the capacity of countries and other relevant reporting mechanisms.

5. Promotion of the mechanism to facilitate and support implementation and compliance

The Committee members will report on their efforts to present the mechanism to facilitate and support implementation and compliance at various forums and events, as well as the outcomes of such activities undertaken so far.

The secretariat will present for comment a series of short video interviews of each of the Committee members, made to promote the Committee's mechanisms to facilitate and support implementation and compliance through various online esources.

Committee members will be invited to share information about future possibilities to promote the mechanism to facilitate and support implementation and compliance.

6. Report to the Meeting of the Parties

The Committee is required to report on its activities to the Meeting of the Parties at each ordinary session and to make such recommendations as it considers appropriate (decision VI/1, annex I, para. 44). The Committee will discuss and agree on the expected content of its report. It will also agree on the process for the preparation and finalization of the report not later than 15 weeks in advance of the seventh session of the Meeting of the Parties, i.e., by 3 August 2015. The report is expected to include a list of the information that the Committee has received and the reasoning behind the Committee's decisions.

7. Programme of work and calendar for the next meetings

The Committee will agree on the dates of and the issues for consideration at its next meetings.

8. Any other business

The Committee will discuss other matters as proposed by its members.

9. Adoption of the report

The Committee will agree on the modalities for the preparation and adoption of the report on its fifth meeting.